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REMARKS Excerpts of paragraphs 1 and 2 were previously reported 25X1 25X1

1. At 2 p.m. on 17 June 1953, martial law was declared in Templin as the workmen at Schorfheide airfield went on strike. On 25 June, the martial law was rescinded. on 17 June, the first troops left Kannenburg and Vogelsang and went by road toward Berlin. Vehicles observed included 40 trucks

 6 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns; 6 x 4-wheel armored scout cars with machine guns; and 22 sidecar motorcycles were observed on 18 June, 39 trucks with soldiers, including 12 trucks towing 120-mm mortars, 14 T-34 tanks and 2 armored scout cars were loaded at Templin railroad station. 20 T-34 tanks and T-43 tanks, trucks with ammunition, and tank trucks were entrained.

 On 22 June, units entrained at Templin in East-Berlin, including the tank unit with truck in the Stettiner Bahnhof (Nordbahnhof) area. During the night of 19, 21, 27 and 29 June, additional troops were loaded at the Templin railroad station. A tank unit loaded on 30 June was equipped with a new tank model similar to the T-44 tank. The vehicle had six large bogie wheels without track support rollers, and a long-barrel gun of 76.2-mm or 85-mm without a muzzle brake. Trucks observed with the unit carried bedding and billeting equipment. The railroad station was guarded by two sentries with machine guns. ¹

2. on 18 and 21 June, the units from the barracks installation on Castaven Lake went by road toward Gransee. tanks and artillery pieces. On 29 June, the barracks installation was only partly occupied. ² On and after 28 June, about 50 soldiers with black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets loaded billeting equipment at the Hammelspring railroad station. On 29 June, about 300 ammunition boxes of 50 x 80 centimeters were to be loaded. ¹

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] reports on the departure of troops from Templin and presence of units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div at Bernau and Bad Freienwalde again are confirmed. . The present report again confirms that contingents of the division were employed in the East Berlin area. The truck observed at the Nordbahnhof belongs to this division. The numerous loadings of troops on and after 18 June 1953 indicates that large contingents of the troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army stationed at the Templin troop training grounds returned to their home stations as a precaution. . The new tank model observed at Templin was previously observed at Doeberitz and Neuruppin. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Probably elements of the 33rd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div which possibly were to be employed in the East Berlin area. Individual vehicle [redacted] were observed in East Berlin.

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